

Court Injunction Blocks  
Probe of Flour Monopoly

One Judge Appointed by Taft  
Makes Decision Balking  
Senate and People

(From "Labor"—Washington, D. C.)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Judge James Francis Smith, associate judge of the United States Court of Customs Appeal and acting associate justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, has issued an injunction forbidding the Federal Trade Commission to examine the papers of the Millers' National Federation, popularly known as the "Milling Combine" or "Milling Trust." The injunction is of the most sweeping character, and virtually blocks the investigation which the Federal Trade Commission undertook in obedience to a resolution of the United States Senate.

On February 16, 1924, the Senate passed a resolution authorizing and requiring the Federal Trade Commission to investigate the production and distribution of flour and bread, including by-products. The commission was directed to make a report to the Senate, showing—

#### What the Senate Wanted

- 1—Costs, prices and profits at each stage from the time the wheat leaves the farm until the bread is delivered to the consumer.
- 2—Extent and methods of price fixing, price maintenance and price discrimination.
- 3—Developments in the direction of monopoly and concentration of control in the milling and baking industries, and all evidence indicating the existence of agreements, conspiracies or combinations in restraint of trade.

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States Policies  
of Progressive  
Miners' Ticket

John Brophy and Associates to  
Fight for Nationalization  
And Labor Party

A leaflet written by John Brophy, progressive candidate for International President of the United Mine Workers of America, just issued for general circulation, contains the information that William Stevenson of Bay City, Michigan, candidate for International Vice President, and William J. Brennan of Scranton, Pa., candidate for Secretary-Treasurer, have endorsed the program of Brophy and will give it full support.

This program, as previously announced, and now explained in the circular, includes a new policy of intensive organization, the nationalization of public ownership of the coal mines, and the organization of a labor party in the United States.

The circular, among other things, says:

"It is no secret that today the existence of our Union is in peril. In the last few years about 250,000 members have been lost to the Union. Entire districts, such as West Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland, Tennessee, Alabama and Colorado, have been destroyed by the attacks of the operators, and in certain bituminous fields, as western and central Pennsylvania and parts of Ohio, the Union is slowly eroding."

The pamphlet tells how these members were lost and indicates the policies by which they may be restored.

Regarding nationalization, it says: "Nationalization, that is public ownership with Union share in management, is the official goal of the United Mine Workers, and conventions have instructed that efforts be made to reach it. Much valuable time has been lost because these instructions have not been followed. This program will give hope to the rank and file who no longer see hope in private ownership and management of the industry."

Regarding a labor party it says: "A labor party is necessary to get justice for the Union in the courts and the legislatures. Our conventions have expressed sympathy with this aim. But our cause has been injured by the support that certain leaders have given to reactionary, anti-labor politicians, such as Calvin Coolidge. We are paying the price for that now."

Business is running at only 70 per cent of its full capacity. The people have been so robbed by high prices they can not buy back more than 70 per cent.

When placidity collapses, as it will and must, all the money the workers thought they were investing in industries will vanish into thin air. It was meant to do so in the first place.

U. S. Labor Men  
In Trip to Study  
Russia and Italy

Mission of Prominent Leaders to  
Also Visit Main Socialist  
Union Headquarters

CLEVELAND—The following statement is released by Albert F. Coyle: For the first time in the history of the American labor movement a delegation of the nation's most prominent trade union executives intends to investigate labor and economic conditions in England, Italy, Russia, Germany, Belgium, France and other European lands, according to Pres. L. E. Sheppard, Order of Railway Conductors, chairman of the delegation, and Albert F. Coyle, editor of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Journal, its secretary. Chairman Sheppard, one of the best-known leaders of the American labor movement, was appointed by the president three years ago on a somewhat similar mission to investigate labor conditions in the Hawaiian Islands for the government.

The purpose of the delegation, according to its official representatives, is to secure reliable first-hand information regarding the conditions of labor and labor unions across the Atlantic, and especially to secure accurate facts about labor's status in Soviet Russia, under a communist workers' government, and in Fascist Italy, where regular labor unions are declared illegal and ruthlessly suppressed by the dictator, Mussolini.

The delegation as announced today will consist of representatives both of the railroad brotherhoods and the largest unions in the American Federation of Labor. Although the Federation at its last convention in Atlantic City decided not to pay the expenses of an official mission to Russia, the present delegation in no way conflicts with this decision, since its members are going on their private property and not as an official body. On this voluntary basis it has been possible to include in the same delegation leading executives of both the A. F. of L. and the big railroad brotherhoods, who are outside the A. F. of L. fold.

In addition to the inclusion of prominent officers of the transportation brotherhoods, the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks is to be represented by Phil E. Ziegler, editor of the brotherhood's official magazine. Executives from 5 of the most influential international unions in the A. F. of L. comprise an important section of the delegation, while western labor is represented by Frank Palmer, editor of the Colorado Labor Advocate and a prominent member of the Intl. Typographical Union.

Meetings are to be arranged with the British Labor party, the Intl. Labor Office at Geneva, and the Intl. Federation of Trade Unions in Amsterdam, as well as with the accredited leaders of the Italian and Russian labor movements. The delegation intends to leave early next July and return during September.

Norman Thomas  
Sues Officials  
For False Arrest

Suit for false arrest will be brought by Norman Thomas, socialist and member of the National Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union against Bergen County, New Jersey, officials who were responsible for holding him in jail on a charge of violating the "riot law" proclaimed by Sheriff George P. Nimmo during clashes between police and textile strikers last April. After being held under \$10,000 bail for five months, the case against him was dismissed last week by the refusal of the Grand Jury to indict.

Mr. Thomas was arrested when he attempted to speak at a free-speech test arranged by the Civil Liberties Union. While his friends were denied knowledge of his whereabouts, he was rushed to Hackensack and brought before Justice of Peace Hargreaves, who, according to Mr. Thomas, "after some two hours labor managed to draw up a fundamentally amusing complaint alleging that I had violated a Riot Act which had never been read in my hearing."

## RULERS

By James Larkin Pearson

The fat old men foregathered  
In steel-and-concrete towers.  
And shook their bags of money  
And boasted of their powers.

The lean young men went marching,  
The lonesome women cried;  
And there was war and glory,  
And rest for those who died.

The fat old men made merry.  
With pomp and power increased.  
And all the human vultures  
Were hidden to the least.

Then up rose want and hunger,  
And death and foul decay;  
They gnawed the firm foundations,  
And all the house gave way.

Now there is fear and quaking  
In strong-built office-chairs.  
And rulers weep that vengeance  
Falls on them unawares.

## The Broadcaster

America contains a lot of poor people who have made the idlers rich and a lot of rich people who have made the workers poor.

The reason your prospect is dreary is because you have been buying yourself making the prospect bright for a few others.

One reason why Socialists find so much evil in things as they are is because they sink the plummet to the bottom instead of skimming the surface of things like others do.

Wise workers are willing to put money into Socialism because it will enable them to get more money out of their efforts. It is good business for him.

If the ballot is not the best weapon, then the army and navy are logical and war is right.

Socialism will not "give" you anything except an opportunity to live broadly and happily, free of exploitation.

You can't give anything to Socialism. You simply invest in Socialism. The more you invest the sooner it will be on its feet and going.

If the people only knew how weak plutocracy knows itself to be, they would give it a mild shove and it would be clear out of the way.

Love may make the world go round, but it is the profit system that makes it go around and around.

Idea of our fathers. The new idea of today must and will build the world anew.

Debs Flays Taft, Whose  
Judicial Puppet Saved  
Flour Trust from Law

EUGENE V. DEBS

By EUGENE V. DEBS

William Howard Taft is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the highest office in the judicial administration of the United States.

This august tribunal is the final arbiter in deciding cases between the government supposedly representing the people and the great trusts which under the license of laws enacted at their own dictation, are looting the nation and robbing the people.

The Chief Justice receives an annual salary of \$17,500.00 but this does not seem sufficient to cover the needs of the present incumbent.

It has been publicly charged in the Hearst and other newspapers, and so far as we know never denied, that William Howard Taft the present Chief Justice is drawing, in addition to his \$17,500.00 paid him by the government, the annual sum of \$10,000.00 from steel trust bonds in the form of an annuity provided for his benefit in the will of the late Andrew Carnegie.

The charge has been specifically made in these publications that Chief Justice Taft not only received this private subsidy from a leading trust magnate before Chief Justice, but that he has been steadily drawing this pension from steel trust bonds every since his elevation to that high office.

IS THE CHARGE TRUE?  
The American Appeal, scant as its respect for Mr. Taft may be, proposes to do that gentleman no injustice.

Is he or is he not on the new roll of the steel trust as a Carnegie pensioner while occupying the exalted position of Chief Justice of the United States? The question is a simple and direct one and we put it up to Mr. Taft in behalf of the Appeal readers and the American people. The people pay his salary, he is their servant, and they are entitled to know the truth.

The Supreme Court of which Mr. Taft is the chief is called upon to render the final decision in all cases between the trusts and the people and if Mr. Taft is on the pension roll of the steel trust which in effect amounts to a retainer paid him by that predatory concern, he is certainly not qualified to occupy the seat of Chief Justice of that court.

ARE YOU QUILTY, MR. TAFT, OR NOT QUILTY?  
The American Appeal proposes to be absolutely fair and give Mr. Taft the benefit of any possible doubt in the matter, and it also freely offers him its columns in which to make his denial or explanation.

## TAFT MUST GO!

No American worthy of the name will defend the position of a Chief Justice of the United States of the Supreme Court being at the same time a pensioner of the most ruthless, predatory and lawless corporation in the land.

It was precisely these powerful "interests" that placed Mr. Taft at the head of the Supreme Court after he had been repudiated, discredited, and cast out of the presidential office by an overwhelming majority of the American people.

Some very rank decisions have been "handed down" to the common herd since Mr. Taft has been on the Supreme bench, notably the death-blow to the Child Labor Amendment, and quite recently that confirming the ten years prison sentence of Anita Whitney, a judicial outrage that will make forever infamous the court guilty of that crime.

Mr. Taft achieved early fame (?) by issuing paralyzing injunctions against labor unions at the behest of the railroad and other corporations, and it is not strange that he was soon recognized as a judge after their own heart.

In 1892 his injunction crushed the strike of the engineers and firemen on the Toledo, Ann Arbor and North Michigan Railway; in 1894 the same despotic decrees from his bench flew thick and fast against the American Railway Union, while at the same time he was "handing it" to the unions of the miners, bricklayers and other labor organizations, laying them low with his rapid-fire injunctions for the benefit of his and their corporate masters. It was at this time that the now Chief Justice William Howard Taft was dubbed "Injunction Bill," a sobriquet that has clung to him to this day.

It seems quite natural therefore that Carnegie of Homestead memory should out of pure gratitude provide in his will that so meritorious a judicial servant should be granted a perpetual pension for being so unflinchingly true to his trust.

Once again, Mr. Taft, are you or are you not receiving \$10,000.00 a year as a private subsidy from steel trust bonds?

The American Appeal and the American people await your answer.

Ex-Leader Lifts Curtain on  
Klan Rule on United States

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana—The real meaning of the Ku Klux Klan as a political power in America as revealed by its control of one state, Indiana, has been indicated in the sensational outline of a promised exposure, by its former leader, now in prison for a murder.

Complete exposure of the Ku Klux Klan control of governmental machinery in this state under D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon, was promised tonight by the special investigating committee of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association, headed by Thomas H. Adams of Vincennes.

Stephenson, serving a life term for the murder of a girl, has written a letter, which is in the hands of the committee, in which he states his purpose to make a complete confession of the methods by which, and the men through whom, he formerly exercised his power. The letter was addressed to Court Ash, a former klan leader and headman of Stephenson while the grand dragon was a power.

State senators from both political parties met with the editors, who showed them so much evidence, documentary and otherwise, that a special session of the Legislature probably will be called to consider and act on it.

The letter which Stephenson wrote to Ash follows:

"My Dear Friend and Patron: I have thought over your plan, and I really believe you know what they are about. You are one I am confident will not double-cross me. Remember one thing, I am putting my life and liberty

in your hands. I am watched most carefully all the time. Not allowed to see any one or sign papers, I will give you the contracts you ask for and much more in addition.

## DEFIES DEATH THREAT.

"You ask for a full house. I will give you a royal flush. I can give you ten times more than you have."

"Send me a lawyer that I can depend on. Arrange for me to be interviewed by the newspapers. I will give a complete story of my control of Indiana. This may mean my return to Indiana in a box, as I have been warned that would happen. I will give you a complete statement of the framed indictment against the highway commission."

"I will tell all of the corrupt methods used in the Legislature and who received the money."

"I could tell you how certain individuals acquired \$20,000 a short time ago from a fund which belongs to the tax payers."

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A. F. of L. Council Urges  
Capital-Labor CooperationReward Engineer  
Who Quits Labor  
Party in Canada

Peter Heenan Runs as "Labor-Liberal" and Is Appointed  
Minister of Labor

OTTAWA, Canada—Capitalism has already shown its hand in the struggle between independent political action and A. F. of L. nonpartisan action in Canada. It is on the A. F. of L. side against the workers who are building up a growing independent Labor Party in Canada.

The result is seen here in the appointment by the new Liberal government of Peter Heenan, a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to the office of Minister of Labor.

Heenan was formerly elected to the provincial legislature of Ontario as a representative of the Independent Labor Party. In the recent elections he left the Independent Labor Party and ran as a "Labor Liberal," in other words, a Liberal out for the Labor vote.

The Liberal Party of Canada corresponds to the Democratic party of the United States and the Liberal Party of England. In England the Liberal Party is the deadly enemy of the Labor Party and in a case like that of Heenan the offender would be regarded as a traitor to the labor movement.

Heenan undoubtedly has lent himself to a Liberal scheme to nip the Labor Party movement in the bud in Canada by swallowing it, and to annex the bulk of the A. F. of L. nonpartisan inforcements, as the Democrats had their largely annexed during the regime of Couper in the United States.

U. S. Financiers  
Conquering World

BOURNEMOUTH, Eng.—"Bankers of the United States have invested \$3,000,000,000 in European projects since 1921," J. W. Brown, fraternal delegate from the International Federation of Trade Unions, told the British Trades Union congress. "Japan, China, India, etc., are rapidly becoming industrialized. If the process continues and if the workers cannot effectively resist exploitation while the British capitalists retain the attitude and mentality of the mine owners, they are allowed to follow obsolete ideas and perpetrate inefficient methods, then the only outlook for Britain is to assume the status of an agricultural country like Denmark."

Millions Jobless  
in Unemployment  
Crisis of World

Unemployment, the spectre that spells doom to the present system, has not been perceptibly reduced as a whole throughout the world, during the summer months when such reduction should be expected, according to the report of the bulletin of the International Federation of Trade Unions, Amsterdam, Holland. Says this publication:

"During the summer months unemployment in the various countries has remained nearly stationary. Although in comparison with the first months of the year there is a decrease, the position of the unemployed in the European countries is still terrible, and there are but slight signs of improvement in the economic world."

"The eager pursuit of technical efficiency among various industrialists is not calculated to promote the re-absorption of the unemployed into industry."

In many of the countries only the percentage of unemployment among the unions is reported. The vast army of unorganized unemployed is not given.

Among outstanding examples are: Austria, 147,808; Czechoslovakia, about 200,000; Denmark, 66,779; Germany, 1,549,000; Great Britain, 1,519,900; Holland, 16,868; Hungary, 25,558; Italy, 78,000; Norway, 16,658; Poland, 262,280; Russia, 1,091,000; Sweden, 22,715; Switzerland, 9,731.

President Green of the American Federation of Labor told President Coolidge recently that 25 per cent of the organized workers of America were unemployed.

Efficiency—in What?  
When the fish business was unorganized the price of smoked white fish was 16 to 18 cents a pound. The business was organized for efficiency sake and the price has risen to 40 cents per pound.

Worker and Public Control of  
Industry Banned in Favor  
of New Plan

DETROIT—Cooperation between capital and labor, between industrial master and slave, rather than independence, citizenship and sovereignty of labor in industry, is advocated as the principle behind the American Federation of Labor in the annual report of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. reported to the 46th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor on October 4, the opening day of the session in Detroit.

The principle of industrial democracy—the control of industry by the people—is slurred, in contrast to the fact that this is the underlying principle espoused by labor in almost every other country in the world. Control of industry through the instrumentality of the state is specifically banned.

"The desire of complete domination either by employers, by workers or through the instrumentality of the state" is denounced in the opening paragraphs of the report proper as "undesirable and harmful to the general community as well as industry." The trade unions of America are declared a helpful and constructive force in maintaining and perpetuating Americanism and its free and democratic institutions.

After thus giving American capitalists clear and unopposed title to the means of employment and life, as far as these labor chiefs are concerned, and sanctioning the exclusion of labor from a voice and vote in industry, they advocate a system of voluntary cooperation of trade unionists between—

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Secret Revealed—  
U. S. Ships Sold  
to Favor Combine

(Editorial from Washington Daily News)

The chairman of our Shipping Board suggests that European nations join with the United States in the formation of a world-wide shipping combine. Not content with peddling at 14 cents on the dollar, our merchant marine, built with our hard-earned tax money, tells foreign ship owners and financiers that the United States would like to "divide territory and reduce competition." Mr. O'Connor tells the world that the United States is anxious to "secure" a "private owned" merchant marine. He deprecates competition. Competition, in the language of modern monopoly, is wasteful. It is destructive.

"If the great nations of the world," says O'Connor, "are to persevere in their ocean industry, something must be done to stop the waste upon the ocean. No shipping company should be willing to go to the hospital for the sake of sending its rival to the mortuary."

Something suitably familiar about this talk. "When the ship owners of the world are ready, regardless of flag, to get around a table and discuss present conditions upon the ocean I wish to assure you that if invited we will be glad to take our place at the table."

We wonder where Mr. O'Connor gets his authority to make this proposal.

Mr. O'Connor told the foreign ship owners that the Shipping Board had not invoked the law passed by Congress giving preferential rates to goods destined for shipment to foreign ports in American vessels. Just why the Board had not given the American fleet the advantage of this law he did not state.

The whole affair is typical of the attitude of the Coolidge Shipping Board. It confirms the often expressed fear of Admiral Benson that the owners were moving in the direction of a world-wide shipping combine. It is a bolder step than any yet taken toward removing the American flag from the American fleet and contributing our ships to a polio-jack-pot.

Monopoly of the ocean ways, with non-competitive, and therefore high, ocean rates is the ultimate purpose.

Britain Is Proud of Her  
State-Owned Railways

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Financial success of the government-owned railways of India and of Palestine is praised in the British government reports just issued, as examples of the efficiency of the empire's representatives.

"Lord Reading's administration has turned the deficit on the state-owned railroads of India into a handsome profit."

The Palestine government railroads for 1925-26 showed \$300,000 profit. The prospect for the Tury press are a case of the devil quoting Scripture.

The world that is shaped by the law in other days courts used the injunction. Now they issue the injunction.











